

Prices and Prospects.

CLAIM OF ILLEGALITY IN COKE PRICE FIXING NOT SUSTAINED

Contention Excites Surprise
Rather Than Support By
the Coke Trade.

ADJUSTMENTS AT \$6.00

Contracts Which Provided for Periodic Settlements; Fixing of Foundry Differential Expected Soon; Possibility Further Price Revision.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
PITTSBURG, Nov. 8.—A great many complaints have been made to the [e] Administration at Washington by blast furnace interests, charging coke operators with quoting prices higher than the set price of \$6.00. It is well established in trade circles in Pittsburgh and the coke region generally that such quotations have been made, and if there have been no transactions at such higher prices the fact due simply to consumers being willing to pay to them.

Two or three coke operators are reported to be contending that the \$6 coke price is not binding, on the ground that it was fixed by the War Industries Board and not by the Fuel Administration. This contention is said to be based upon advice of counsel. Coke operators who were in Washington for the conference of October 21, with the War Industries Board know that the recommended price for coke was \$6.50 and at President Wilson cut off the 50 cents, fixing the price at \$6.00. Section of the Lever act empowers the President, and not either the War Industries Board or the Fuel Administration, to fix the price of coke, that is what the President did. The law prescribes no particular method by which the President shall advise, or by which he shall make an announcement, so that the contention that there is anything illegal about the \$6.00 coke price has excited surprise rather than support by the coke trade at large.

A fairly large tonnage of coke on contracts providing for periodical price adjustment is being adjusted to \$6.00 price, but the open market is continuing high, and has decreased rather than increased in the past week. A delegation of furnace men was in Washington yesterday, conferred with the authorities in the hope of developing action for the purpose of increasing the market supply of coke.

With the appointment of Warren Sawyer of Detroit as special assistant to Fuel Administrator Garfield, in charge of coke, it is expected that ferrous for foundry coke and possibly other grades will be established shortly, while it is also possible that the basic price for coke will be reduced.

The trade is more disposed to go ahead with foundry coke, pending an initial settlement of the differential. A considerable number is under negotiation, with some put through the basis of \$7.00, with the distinction on the part of both buyer and seller that the sale shall be adjusted if any regulations announced later indicate that such reduction should be made.

The coke market remains quotable \$6.00, with a possibility that \$7.00 will be a fair quotation on foundry coke.

Car supplies have been worse rather than better in the past ten days, and may certainly have shown no improvement since the priority order in favor of the Connellsville coke region was promulgated four weeks ago.

Effective November 1 the priority order in favor of lake coal shipments was rescinded, as to 21 railroads, leaving 27 still under the order, but the whole the 21 roads are the more important in point of movement involved. Instead of this resulting correspondingly greater supplies cars for commercial loadings the roads seem to have disappeared quite largely. The result is that while this week coal at the set price is very scarce it is now very plentiful, but without cars. Many operators are offering coal free, but with the proviso that the buyer must find the cars. The cars released in the lake trade are not to be had in the Connellsville region.

The blast furnaces continue to operate at about 90 per cent of the available capacity, the restriction being due to insufficient coke. Possibly the greatest curtailment is in the case of the Carnegie Steel company, which will soon have relief through the Clairton by-product plant, nearing completion. The plant to comprise 1,250 ovens eventually, 1,640 are now under construction about half of these are to be completed next month, the remainder to be early in the new year. The 640 ovens will have an output of about 400,000 tons of coke a year, or over 10 per cent of the amount now being produced in the Connellsville and other Connellsville regions. The railroads are to be entirely independent of the railroads, the coal being brought to the ovens and the coke shipped by water exclusively. This would relieve the railroads and provide a better car supply while it will relieve the beehive oven industry.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.						
The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville district (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike) and sometimes the Masonboro district to principal points for shipment are as follows, net not over 2,000 pounds, effective June 15, 1917:						
Destination	Rate					
Baltimore	\$1.05					
Buffalo	2.00					
Chicago	1.55					
Cleveland	1.75					
Columbus	1.50					
Detroit	2.25					
St. Louis	2.95					
Erie	1.50					
Harrisburg	1.50					
Joliet	2.55					
Louisville	2.55					
Milwaukee	3.00					
New York	3.00					
Philadelphia	2.20					
Pittsburgh	2.00					
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	2.55					
Pottstown	2.10					
Reading	2.00					
Richmond, Va. (B. & O.)	3.09					
Richmond, Va. (P. R. R.)	3.09					
Scranton, Bethlehem	1.50					
Swedenborg, Pa.	2.15					
Tellico, O.	2.00					
Wheeling	1.55					
Wheeling Point	1.55					

For Experts:

From Connellsville District:

Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessel) .. \$1.05

Baltimore (F. O. B. vessel) .. 1.05

From Latrobe District:

Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessel) .. 1.75

Baltimore (F. O. B. vessel) .. 1.75

The pig iron market continues to show a fair degree of activity, all sales, except of off iron, being at the set prices. The blast furnaces have readily accepted the spirit as well as the letter of the agreement with the Government authorities. Sales in the past few days include 10,000 tons of basic at \$3.00, Valley, 1,500 tons of special Bessemer at \$38.00, the extra \$2 over standard Bessemer covering special analysis in both phosphorus and sulphur, and 150 tons of off basic. The last named sale was at \$25.50, or 50 cents under the price for basic, and the seller paid the broker making the transaction a commission of \$2.12 cents a ton.

The prices of Bessemer and basic iron in October, averaged according to the tonnage sold, are announced by W. P. Snyder & Company at \$36.30 for Bessemer and \$33.00 for basic, precisely the set prices. As there were no cut price sales it is evident that pig iron was not plentiful, and yet the willingness of furnaces to sell, when they could spare iron at all, was shown by the fact that the sales used in the computations totaled fully 100,000 tons, the largest amount for any month since June.

Average quoted prices of spot coke have been as follows:

	Furnace.	Foundry.
January	\$35.00	\$33.00
February	35.57	33.57
March	35.53	33.50
April	37.00	34.95
May	34.40	34.90
June	31.20	31.70
July	32.32	33.42
August	31.20	31.50
September	31.55	31.50
October	36.00	33.00

Average quoted prices on pig iron at Valley furnaces, have been as follows:

	Bessemer	Basic	Foundry
January	\$35.00	\$33.00	\$30.00
February	35.00	36.00	30.00
March	36.70	31.93	34.95
April	37.00	38.52	39.15
May	34.40	34.40	34.90
June	31.20	31.70	31.70
July	32.32	33.42	33.42
August	31.20	31.50	31.50
September	31.55	31.50	31.50
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APPLYING PENALTY

To Prevent Interruption to Operation in the Coal Mining Districts.

The application of the penalty provisions to the non-union mining districts has been worked out on a basis which the Fuel Administration believes will prevent strikes and lockouts and insure more regular operation of the mines.

A form of regulations adopted by the Somerset and Cambria county operators, who have granted an increase in wages and approved by Administrator Garfield, has been posted at the mines in these districts. The regulations provide that the men work out the agreement to collect and turn in to the government for the use of the Red Cross a penalty equivalent to \$1 per day per man.

If the operator locks out the men the fuel administration collects a similar penalty from the operator. In no case of strike may the operator compromise by suspending part or all of the penalty. Should an operator fail to rigidly enforce the agreement he becomes personally liable for all of the fines uncollected.

15,000 More Cars to France.

It is announced that the United States will soon order 15,000 more cars for the use of the army in France, raising the total number of cars which it has purchased to between 50,000 and 60,000.

Buy Small Tract.

The Mutual By-Products company of Greensburg has bought seven acres of coal from George J. Fox in Unity Township, Westmoreland county.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 3, 1917.				WEEK ENDING OCT. 27, 1917.				
	DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	20,445	17,755	2,910	17,452	20,145	17,886	2,699	17,676	20,000
Lower Connellsville	17,045	16,519	1,526	16,971	16,516	15,816	1,528	15,339	15,339
Totals	38,000	34,654	4,436	33,242	38,000	33,652	4,438	30,598	38,000

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	DISTRICT.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.	Ovens.	In.	Out.	Tons.
Connellsville	17,038	15,186	1,552	14,935	17,038	15,186	1,552	14,746	17,038
Lower Connellsville	5,826	5,316	510	5,126	5,826	5,316	510	46,910	5,826
Totals	22,864	20,502	2,962	20,341	22,864	20,502	2,962	19,676	22,864

MERCHANT OVENS.	WEEK ENDING NOV. 3, 1917.				
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**FRICK'S FIRST COKE
CONTRACT WITH A
VETERAN IN STEEL**

Joseph G. Butler Introduced
Connellsville's Famous
Fuel in Valleys.

DEVELOPMENT OF IRON

And Steel Industries Inseparably
Linked With That of Coke Making.
Importance of Connellsville Region
as Fuel Source Has Long Admitted.

At the recent meeting of the American Iron & Steel Institute, held in Cincinnati, Joseph G. Butler, Jr., vice president of the Brier Hill Steel company, held the interest of the assemblage during the delivery of his address entitled, "Fifty Years of Iron and Steel."

It was a reminiscent review of the growth and development of the industry, and the birth and expansion of coke making, during the period intervening between the time Mr. Butler began as a shipping clerk and assistant manager at the rolling mill of James Ward & Company at Niles, O., in 1857, and the present day, which still finds Mr. Butler actively engaged in the business in which he has spent a lifetime.

Referring to the improvements in blast furnaces, the introduction of the hot blast stove and more powerful blowing engines, "furnaces," said Mr. Butler, "began to grow in size and more attention was paid to their lines."

It was realized that much improvement could be made in the output and progress in this direction was rapid. By 1875 it was known that the blast furnaces could be operated successfully up to 80 feet in height, and with coke for fuel and proper equipment for blowing and heating the blast, could be made to yield much larger product than had been expected up to that time.

But it was not until about 1880 that one of these larger furnaces reached an output much above 100 tons per day. This was the Isabella, located at Etina, near Pittsburgh. During three years, 1881, 1882 and 1883, this furnace produced an average of 1,000 tons per week—the best ever done by a blast furnace up to that time in this or any other country.

"About 1860 the first coke was regularly used as fuel in a furnace at Pittsburgh, and within a few years it proved so efficient that all other fuels were practically eliminated except for making special grades of iron. When

I first became interested in the furnace business, all the stocks in the Mahoning valley, as well as those in Hocking valley, at Canal Dover, and at several other points in Ohio, were using raw coal.

It was to a rich deposit of black-band ore found underneath the coal at Mineral Ridge, near Niles, and the equally important discovery at Brier Hill, in Youngstown, of coal making a fairly good fuel in its raw state, an almost natural coke, that the development of iron business in the Mahoning valley was due.

"It was my privilege, to make the first contract for coke entered into by H. C. Frick when he began the coke business on his own account, and I would be ashamed to tell you the price, and I think he would also. I bought the first coke used in the Mahoning valley for a furnace at Girard then under my management. The exact date has escaped my memory, but it was in the late '60's. This coke was used as a mixture with Brier Hill coal, and some of the coal was still used as a mixture until 20 years later, when we could no longer obtain it in satisfactory quantities. The mixture made what we thought then was a very satisfactory and economical fuel, the coal adding to the surplus gas production.

"I have bought many, thousands, of tons of good beehive coke at 85 cents per ton. The average selling price of the entire output of the country in 1880 was \$1.75 per ton. There were then 7,211 beehive ovens in operation, and the production was 2,055,646 tons. During 1916, according to the estimates at hand—the exact figures not being available—the country's entire production of coke was 51,255,000 tons, and of this 35.29 per cent was made in by-product ovens. Some coke was sold in 1917 as high as \$1.50 per ton.

"The development of the Lake Superior ore deposits has exercised on the iron and steel industries of the world an influence more far-reaching than any other incident in their history. Previous to that time furnaces and iron works had been located in many places where ore and fuel could be found. But the time had come when such resources were inadequate to meet the growing needs of the country. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the time had come when the further progress of civilization demanded iron ore in quantities and at a cost hitherto undreamed of. There is no question that, from the time of the discovery of the Mesabi range, civilization and progress received a tremendous impulse from the cheaper iron and steel it made possible. The first effect of this discovery was to practically limit the production of iron and steel in large tonnages to regions most accessible to great ore and fuel deposits. The Pittsburgh and Youngstown districts had no rival in this respect except, perhaps, the Atlantic coast districts, where the rich ores of Cuba and South America were available at equal distance from the Connellsville coke field.

France to Develop Water Power.

"White coal" will be the fuel salvation of France during the remainder of the war and there are enough little Niagara's in the Republic to develop electrical power in plenty to supply the fuel necessities of the people. For many months stock has been taken of the water power possibilities of the country, with this result: "France has nine times as much water power as England, and six times as much as Germany."

STORE IS CLOSED

United Fire Brick Offices Moved From

Uniontown to Pechin.

After more than a quarter of a century of business life, the United Supply store at Pechin will close its doors permanently Saturday evening.

The closing of the establishment is due to the fact that the United Firebrick company needed more office room at Pechin, and decided to dispose of the store and have the rooms occupied by the store fitted up into a suite of offices. As soon as these changes are made the main offices of the United Firebrick company will be removed from the First National Bank building at Uniontown and located at Pechin. This move is expected to prove both a convenient and an economic one for the company, for the concern's principal plant is located here and its practically inexhaustible clay and coal mines are on the Clark farm at Ferguson, not a great distance away.

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INFLAMMABILITY OF MINE DUST SHOWN BY BUREAU TESTS

Results of Experiments Set
Forth in Recently Issued
Pamphlet.

ALL DUSTS DANGEROUS

Those of Low Inflammability Capable
of Propagating Violent Explosions;
New Methods by Which Degree of
Danger May Be Determined.

A recent publication issued by the United States Bureau of Mines gives the results obtained by the latest experiments made to determine the inflammability and explosibility of mine dust. The methods employed in making the tests and the conclusions derived therefrom, are set forth:

"Various investigators have devised a number of laboratory methods for determining relative inflammability but with most of the methods previously described it has not been possible to distinguish between dusts that may give rise to explosions in the mine and those that will not. Such a differentiation of dusts obviously depends on the availability of data concerning the behavior of dusts under actual mining conditions as well as on the sensitivity of the laboratory method. Data of this nature have been available only within a few years."

"During the course of the investigations at the experimental mine of the Bureau of Mines it was found that dusts of low inflammability to be ignited in the laboratory apparatus previously used by the Bureau were nevertheless capable of propagating violent explosions in the mine. Consequently it became necessary to increase the sensitivity of the laboratory method.

"The laboratory method described in this paper is capable of measuring the inflammability of the least inflammable dusts that will propagate an explosion in the mine. A relation has been established between the results of tests on a large scale at the experimental mine and the results of laboratory tests, so that it is now possible to determine from laboratory tests alone whether or not dust may give rise to or propagate explosions."

"Natural air has been used in previous laboratory experiments with dusts. Recent work at the experimental mine has shown that dusts which in normal mine air are not capable of propagating an explosion may, in the presence of a small percentage of natural gas readily propagate an explosion. The laboratory method has therefore been so modified that dusts may be tested in the presence of various percentages of combustible gas; and the effect of small amounts of combustible gas on the inflammability of dust has been investigated.

"The igniting agent may be the flame from a blown-out shot the flame of an oil lamp, or the surface of an incandescent solid body. In the apparatus used to measure inflammability in the experiments herein described a heated platinum tube serves as the igniter. The igniter is placed at the center of a spherical vessel and a cloud of dust is blown past it through an opening in the bottom of the vessel. The pressure produced by the combustion of the dust is taken as a measure of its inflammability."

"A laboratory method for determining the inflammability of coal dust has been developed; it is more sensitive and capable of much greater accuracy than the methods previously described. With the apparatus described inflammability determinations have been made on a large number of samples of coal dust from the various coal fields of the United States."

"By establishing a relation between the results of laboratory tests and those of tests under actual mining conditions it has been found possible to determine from laboratory tests whether dusts are capable of giving rise to explosions in the mine."

"The inflammability of mixtures of coal dust and rock dust has been studied, and it is possible to predict from laboratory tests the percentage of rock dust that will render each coal dust incapable of propagating an explosion."

"A convenient means has been provided for determining the effect on the inflammability of combustible gas in the atmosphere in which the dust is suspended. By means of this modification, the effect of such small percentages of gas with several typical coal and gas mixtures has been studied."

WHO WERE THERE

Companies Represented at the Recent
By-Product Coal Conference.

The conference held with the members of the Fuel Administration in Washington last week, with a view to securing an adequate shipment of fuel for the steel and by-product coke plants, was participated in by representatives of the large gas coal, coke and by-product coke coal producing corporations.

Representatives of the following firms were present: J. H. Hillman & Sons company, Ellsworth Collieries company, H. C. Frick Coke company, Pittsburgh Coal company, United Coal Corporation, Consolidated Connellsville Coke company, Johnson Coal & Coke company, Verner Coal & Coke company, Producers Coke company, Westmoreland Coal company, W. J. Rainey company, having interests in the Connellsville region or the Pittsburg district, and William C. Atwater & Company, New York, N. Y.; Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal company, Cleveland, Ohio; Richland Coal company, Weirton, W. Va.

BACK WITH B. & O.

Bert S. Rush has reentered the service of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at a station agent at Meyersdale.

RAILROAD MEN BIG BOND BUYERS

Total Subscriptions by Employees of
Roads Throughout the Country Is
Said to Be Over \$50,000,000.

Incomplete figures received by the railroads' War Board indicates that the subscriptions of the employees of the railroads throughout the country to the second Liberty Loan exceeded \$50,000,000. A statement issued by the board says:

"For the first bond issue 241,280 members of the rank and file of the railroad army subscribed an aggregate of \$20,327,966. Reports on the subscriptions in the second issue, although incomplete, show clearly that the amount which railroad men will contribute to this loan will be at least two and one-half times as much as to the first loan and probably more."

On 21 of the largest roads entering Chicago, 63,106 employees subscribed \$5,241,000 to the first Liberty Loan. All these roads report that the subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan will run over three times as much as to the first loan. Not only more employees are subscribing, but larger amounts are being taken out.

Subscriptions by Pennsylvania Railroad employees to the second Liberty Loan approximate \$5,000,000, as compared with \$3,444,800 subscribed to the first loan. In Texas approximately 2,600 employees of the Southern Pacific Lines have subscribed for \$209,800 of the new Liberty bonds.

Incomplete figures from Cincinnati show that 3,450 Cincinnati railroad employees have bought \$230,000 worth of the second issue. Incomplete figures from New Haven indicate that 241 New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad employees have subscribed through the company for \$20,500 worth of the bonds. Employees of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad made approximately 7,000 individual subscriptions, amounting to an estimated minimum of at least \$350,000.

The Baltimore & Ohio employees who took \$450,000 worth of the first Liberty Bonds, report that they expect to raise the total for the second issue to well over \$500,000. Only 44 out of the 640 railroads of the country have made preliminary reports to date of subscriptions by railroad em-

ployees to the second Liberty Bond issue, but these reports show \$38,573 individual subscribers for an aggregate of \$14,107,050.

UPHOLD SCHEDULE P *

Commission Dismisses Complaint
against West Penn Subsidiary.

The off-schedule P, which is used by the West Penn Power company in providing current for consumers who use it only between the off-peak hours of 10 P. M. and 6 A. M., has been upheld by the Public Service Commission just made public, dismissed the complaint of the J. T. & A. Hamilton company of Butler against the Butler Light, Heat & Motor company, a subsidiary of the West Penn Power company. The Butler Light, Heat & Motor company's Schedule P is the same as the West Penn's Schedule P.

On May 3 last the Hamiltons, who operate a glass factory in Butler, filed a complaint with the commission because of the company's refusal to furnish them service under the off-peak schedule, the Hamiltons having a contract for service under a schedule other than Schedule P. The decision of the commission upholds the company in its refusal to furnish service to the Hamiltons under an off-peak schedule. The opinion says that "The business in which the complainant is engaged required continuous power, which the respondent obligated itself to supply irrespective of whether the demand occurs during so-called peak or off-peak hours. For this the respondent charges a higher rate. Utility commissions have permitted lower rates where the power to be supplied is at off-peak hours. The reason for this is that the company must seek the maximum demand at on-peak hours and provide facilities to produce the then required power, hence to the period of the day when the demand is less than this maximum there is an unused reserve which consumers of this off-peak period might avail themselves of if their industries would permit."

The ruling is of interest to a number of local industrial plants, several of which are now using Schedule P.

TO RESTRICT USE

Of Coal to War Industries Said to Be
in Contemplation.

Regulations designed to restrict the use of coal in the industries considered non-essential to the conduct of the war will be put into force soon by the Fuel Administration. The plan under consideration provides for a classification of industries in the order of their importance and the issuance of a general order to coal producers directing them to supply first manufacturing plants engaged in war work.

Domestic consumers will be supplied ahead of all industries and the regulations will contain special provisions for taking care of their requirements.

Sending Italy a monthly supply of 400,000 tons, together with increased exports to France and England, is understood to be under advisement, in which case every economy in the use of fuel in this country will be enforced in order to provide for European needs.

MAY LOSE EYE.

Smithfield Man Hurt While Working
in Prospect Coal Mine.

Charles Moody of Smithfield may lose the sight of his eye as the result of an accident while he was working in the mine of the Prospect Coal company on Wednesday. A piece of falling slate struck him in the face, near the eye, inflicting a bad wound.

The injury was dressed by a Uniontown physician, but the eye is in a serious condition.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to
Saturday, November 3, 1917.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operator	Address
MERCHANT OVENS			
40	Adam	Western Kayette Coke Co.	Greensburg
400	Allen	Henry Brown	Aliquippa, Pa.
200	Allison No. 1	W. J. Balmer	New York
200	Allison No. 2	W. J. Balmer	New York
142	American No. 1	Reilly-Peabody Fuel Co.	Pittsburg
240	American No. 2	Reilly-Peabody Fuel Co.	Pittsburg
40	Antea	The Wilkey & Peather Co.	Uniontown
12	Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	Bender	Bender	Pittsburg
20	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
34	Burchfield	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
205	Century	Century Coke Co.	Connellsville
40	Champion	Champion Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
90	Clystal	Unglass Coke Co.	Pittsburg
136	Dale	Dale	Pittsburg
402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
145	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	Emory	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
32	Finley	Jas. Byrnes	Uniontown
30	Garrison	Uniontown	Uniontown
50	Garrison	Atma Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
68	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	Griffith No. 1	Ressemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	Griffith No. 2	Hillman-New Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	Harbert	Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	Hill	Connellsville Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
52	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
194	Holler	James H. Hoover	McClennanstown
28	Hope	Hoppe Coke Co.	Uniontown
195	Hustead	Hustead-Bennett C. & C. Co.	Uniontown
250	Jebechia	Heida Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
220	Jessup	Atma Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	Leaven	Atma Coke Co.	Helen
400	Lincoln	Franklin Coke Co.	Mc Pleasant
40	Little Gem	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
250	Low Phos	The Blaser Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	Marion	Connellsville & Coke Co.	Uniontown
132	Menallen	Menallen Coke Co.	Uniontown
359	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
60	Murphy	Richardson Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
140	Orion	Orion Coal Co.	Uniontown
202	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
20	Parry	Perry Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
120	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
345	Regal	W. J. Rainey	New York
30	Sackett	H. R. Sackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	Starlight	Taylor Coal Co.	Uniontown
266	Shamrock	Payette Coke Co.	Uniontown
59	Solon	Proctor & Gamble	Uniontown
50	Stark	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	Washington No. 2	Ladon-Gulden C. & C. Co.	Manington
409	Thomason 1	Thomason-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Thomason 2	Thomason-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
320	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
394	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
34	Upton	Upton Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
500	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
76	Wine Island	Wine Island	Uniontown
50	Wilmore	Wilmore	Uniontown
36	Yukon	Whitel Coke Co.	Uniontown
5,819	10,503		
FURNACE OVENS			
120	Alderson	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Cana
100	Bridgewater	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Brier Hill
120	Brier Hill	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Brier Hill
424	Burlington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	Eden	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Footgate	C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
202	Genes	McKeffrey Coal Co.	Pittsburg
200	LaBelle	LaBelle Coal & Coke Co.	LaBelle, O.
176	Lake Erie	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
422	Lake Erie	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
544	Marion	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	Newcomer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	Reino	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
350	Reino	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
5,826	6,316		

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TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 8, 1917.

THE LOCAL COAL SITUATION.

The civilian relief committee of the Public Safety Committee will be performing a distinct public service if it succeeds in its effort to secure the support of the coal producers serving this community to set aside sufficient of their tonnage from week to week to meet local needs.

At present it will serve no good purpose to disguise the fact that unless steps are taken to meet the situation as it now exists, and will presently become much more serious, there will be suffering among the people.

Connellsville is well advanced.

There has been a torrent of dreadful threats emanating from various governmental sources as to the fate awaiting those guilty of traitorous speech or conduct, but contemporaneous records are strangely silent as to the manner, form, place or time of carrying these threats into execution and the acts of the spies and traitors grow in number and violence. It is time to act, and act vigorously.

RUSSIA NOT OUT OF THE WAR.

Some news agencies and newspapers with more so-called enterprise than good judgment or sound sense spread abroad yesterday the assertion that Russia is out of the War.

The statements of Premier Kerensky, in making an appeal to the Allies for aid in the form of money and supplies, had been hastily and incorrectly interpreted as meaning that Russia is ready to quit the struggle against Prussianism and that the other Allies must take her place.

The circulation of this misinforma-

tion gave a wholly false impression of the import of the statements made by Russia's premiers in the course of an interview.

Influenced by the hope and promise that the government regulation of prices would not only result in heavy reduction, but also assure a plentiful supply, the contracting section was allowed to pass with very few orders placed for advance delivery.

Price-fixing by executive order having signally failed to serve the avowed purpose of making coal both cheap and plentiful, but having made it very much more difficult to secure, and in reality costing as much if not more than it did before the fuel administration was brought into existence the consumers of the city had themselves very poorly provided with fuel for the winter.

An inquiry into the situation shows that if a certain tonnage—15 or 18 cars per week—were shipped into the city by the outside producers, and about an equal amount supplied by the local custom producers, an ample supply of coal could be thus provided. The number of the civilian relief committee will be to ascertain, if such an arrangement can be made. An appeal will be made to the community interest, and pride, of the operators to assist in working out what will otherwise be a very serious situation. We believe cooperation to every extent possible will be given, but consumers must not expect the impossible to be accomplished.

Many will have to forego the pleasure derived from using a certain grade or quality of coal and accept whatever can be provided. The big question is to get coal, not a coal buyers must limit their purchases to actual requirements, remembering that they are not the only ones to be supplied. They should not indulge in needless clamor for coal or expect to be favored at the expense of some less fortunate—men. All the people of Connellsville must be kept warmly housed this winter and to accomplish this may call for some sacrifice or temporary inconvenience on the part of a number of persons. The coal producers and dealers can be depended upon to do their part. It will be up to the people to do theirs.

TIME TO ACT VIGOROUSLY.

It appears highly probable from all accounts, the destruction of the Baltimore & Ohio piers at Baltimore was the work of German sympathizers. This act of incendiarism should serve as another warning to the authorities that they have been altogether too lenient with this element of our population. Ever since Count von Bernstorff, the recent German Ambassador to the United States, planned his nefarious plots to cripple the industries and transportation systems of our country, a series of crimes has been committed in all sections by organized bands of thugs and criminals. Before the declaration of war against Germany, these assassins and incendiaries, in the employ of Germany, were guilty of every possible kind of offense intended to injure the country with which we were at peace. Through a policy that was so easy-going and tame that it was little short of criminal in itself, our government apparently made little effort to bring these benders against our neutrality and internal peace to justice.

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BIG INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE UPON SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY

Indications Are That 25,000 Were Present Throughout the County.

M. E. CHURCH LEADS CITY

Gains in Connellsville Alone Believed to Have Been Over 2,000; Average of All Schools Largely Exceeded; 5,000 Temperance Pledges Signed.

"Gone Sunday School Day" was a success in Connellsville and Fayette county in all respects. Reports from all sections of the county indicate that the average attendance of the schools was increased about 25 per cent. This would mean an attendance for the day of over 25,000, which is pretty close to the goal of 30,000.

According to Secretary Joseph R. Forsythe of the County Sunday School association, the East End Union Sunday school, just outside Connellsville, deserved special mention. The workers from this school canvassed the entire community last week, and the results are shown in the average attendance of 55 and yesterday's attendance of 225.

Probably 2,000 persons went to Sunday school Sunday who are not in the habit of attending regularly, it is believed. The returns from Sunday schools signing temperance pledges shows that where opportunity was given, over 50 per cent of the scholars signed the temperance pledge. The total number of pledges signed yesterday is expected to go over 5,000.

Locally, the day brought big attendances in some schools and only average turnouts in others. The Methodist Episcopal church had the biggest attendance of the day, 500, but the Presbyterian had the biggest proportionate increase, going from an average of 250 to 337 yesterday. The Baptist and United Brethren schools had nice increases. The others, while keeping well above the average, made no spectacular jumps, but their officers intend to keep right at work. The figures for the local Sunday schools follow, the first column showing yesterday's attendance, and the second column the average attendance:

Presbyterian	387	250
Baptist	500	400
Methodist	345	240
U. P.	375	240
Reformed	96	85
Christian	235	235
U. E.	272	247
M. E.	309	295

At the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, Rev. G. L. Richardson made an address on "The Evils of the Liquor Traffic" taking as the basis for his talk a list of incidents against the saloon compiled by Ex-Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee. The announcement two weeks ago that November 4 would be Luther Day brought in big morning attendance at this church. Rev. Richardson took as his text a saying by John Luther: "When God wants a difficult task performed in the world, He communicates it to His accredited ambassadors." Luther was one of those ambassadors, Rev. Richardson declared: "He was a man for the hour."

COMPLETING SCHOOL

Building May Be Occupied by November 10.

Possibilities now are that the new high school will be occupied on November 19. Delay is in receiving shipments of certain materials, was expected to hold up the work longer than this, but the contractors have been able to secure most of the stuff from local concerns.

The building only needs some finishing touches and a good cleanup to be ready for occupancy. The ornamental iron contractors have not yet begun work. They have only to put up rails in auditorium and lecture rooms, however. The teakwood flooring is now being chipped and polished. The floor of the gymnasium will not be poured, however, until late this week. The marble partitions are being placed in the toilets. The heating contractors are testing their apparatus and making final connections. The decorators will start in Thursday to put the finishing touches on their work. The curtain and scenery have been erected on the stage of the auditorium, and make a fine showing. Seats are in place. When the contractors are through with the building, broken panes of glass will be replaced and there will be a general cleanup.

The Crawford building on the West Side is also almost ready for occupancy. Completion of the heating system is about the only requirement now.

BACK FROM INDIANA.

H. O. Mackie and W. C. Duff Home After Three Weeks Stay in West.

H. O. Mackie of the West Side, and W. C. Duff of Perryopolis have returned home after a three weeks stay in French Lick Springs, Ind.

On the return trip they stopped at Indianapolis, Ind., where they visited First sergeant Dr. J. L. Junk. They arrived on a day of dress review and witnessed the officers as they passed on parade. They remained at the camp for dinner as the guests of Dr. Junk.

Gets Organist's Position.

Miss Ruth McGowan of Pittsburgh, formerly of Dawson, has been elected organist of the Calvary Lutheran church in Wilkinsburg. Miss McGowan is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parkhill of Dawson and is well known in Connellsville's musical circles.

ATTORNEY HIGBEE IS APPOINTED TO AN IMPORTANT POST

Becomes General Counsel to A. Mitchell Palmer, Custodian of Alien Property.

Another signal honor has come to Connellsville and one of its well known citizens in the appointment of Attorney E. C. Higbee as general counsel to A. Mitchell Palmer of Stroudsburg, Pa., who was recently made custodian of alien property in the United States under the provisions of the Trading-with-the-Enemy Act, passed by the last session of Congress.

The announcement of the selection of Mr. Higbee for this important post was made Sunday and was without previous intimation that he was to be chosen. In this position Mr. Higbee will have general direction of all legal matters relating to the duties of Mr. Palmer as custodian of alien property. He has been urged to locate in Washington but his connections and interests here are so large and require so much attention that he finds it impracticable to be wholly released from them. Accordingly he will spend only as much of his time in Washington as he will find it practicable to do.

The importance of the post has been realized from the fact that the value of the property which will come under the care of Custodian Palmer is estimated to be \$500,000,000, thereby constituting the largest single trust ever created in this country. Its administration is certain to involve many intricate questions of law which it will be the duty of General Counsel Higbee to handle.

An intimacy has long existed between Mr. Higbee and Mr. Palmer and they have been associated in several activities which have afforded the former an opportunity to display his knowledge of the law and its application to new or novel questions, a branch of the law which Mr. Higbee has always taken great interest and the keenest delight. The position for which he has been selected will open up a large field along these lines.

Mr. Higbee has today been the recipient of many congratulations upon his appointment.

CLARK RALSTON AND EARL MARTIN ARE NOW CAMP LEE SERGEANTS

Local Boys Assisting in Drilling Negro Troops at Big Cantiment.

According to word received by their folks here, Clark Ralston and Earl Martin have been promoted to be sergeants at Camp Lee and are now helping drill the negro troops which recently arrived at the cantonment. In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ralston of North Pittsburg street, Clark says he's a sure enough sergeant with three stripes on his arm and a whistle. "The whistle, it is presumed, is used in drilling.

Ralston, Martin and Thurman Bixler are the only Connellsville men still in the company to which they were first assigned at Camp Lee. Something like 107 of them went to Camp Gordon, at Atlanta, Georgia, and the remainder were transferred to a company three miles away in the camp.

Orland Lighty, letters from Camp Lee, has, as he has had an opportunity to join the medical department and be furloughed so as to continue his medical studies at Georgetown university. "Dutch" will "see it through" in the National Army now.

HUNTER SHOT WHEN OWN GUN, STRUCK BY STONE, GOES OFF

Shots Glancing Off Rocks Hit Ralph Bigam in Face and Shoulder.

Ralph Bigam was shot Saturday by his own gun, which was accidentally discharged when struck by a rolling stone, after it had been placed near a pile of rocks on the ground.

Bigam, who lives in Snydersville, was on a hunting trip with Walter White when the accident occurred. The two men had left at 10:30 this morning and gone to Pleasant Hill, where Robert Fulton, White's father-in-law, lives.

Not far from the Fulton home, White sat down on a pile of stones. Bigam laid his gun on the ground, when a stone rolled down from a nearby pile and struck it, the weapon was discharged. The shots hit the stone pile, and glanced off, striking Bigam in the shoulder and on the left side of the face. White was uninjured.

Dr. J. L. Cochran was summoned shortly before 1 o'clock, and, with Miss Isabel Bigam, a sister of the injured man, who is a trained nurse, gave the injured hunter treatment.

GET 30 RABBITS.

Local Hunters Have Success in Indiana Creek Valley.

After spending three days hunting at Mill Run, a party composed of Mr. and Mrs. William Slickles of the West Side and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughn, returned Saturday with 30 rabbits, seven squirrels and three pheasants. Mrs. Slickles bagged six of the bunnies.

While in the woods the party saw a young deer. It ran through a wheat field a short distance from them, and appeared to be injured.

Langford Quits' Council.

Because he has moved to East Crawford avenue, Connellsville, G. G. Langford, president of South Connellsville council, Thursday tendered his resignation. He had been president since the reorganization of the council. Vice President Walter S. Trevitt assumed the duties temporarily and a president will probably be elected next meeting night.

WHEEL WILL RUN BY ITS OWN POWER, INVENTOR CLAIMS

Jacob Kuhn Evolves a New Kind of Motor Which Ought to Operate Itself.

HASN'T BUILT ANY AS YET

System of Pivots, Rollers and a Weight Will Do the Trick, Kuhn Declares, Without Introduction of a Single, Solitary Outside Agency.

The invention of a power wheel which operates on what is practically the perpetual motion principle is claimed by a Connellsville man, Jacob Kuhn, who lives in the Dunn-Paine building on North Pittsburg street. Mr. Kuhn's wheel, according to his plans, will turn on its own power, without the introduction of any outside agency, such as gasoline, steam, or electricity.

The wheel will operate through a system of pivots and rollers, a weight pulling it for a certain distance, then sliding back into a new position and repeating the pulling act. The wheel will move steadily and its speed can be regulated by changing the size of the weight. The wheel can be made any size, Mr. Kuhn explains, and can be used to provide power for anything. It will run a dynamo, for instance, Mr. Kuhn claims, and all without using fuel, or even requiring fuel to start it moving.

"Why, that's about the idea of perpetual motion, isn't it?" Mr. Kuhn was asked. "Well," was the reply, "I couldn't swear to it being perpetual motion, but the wheel certainly makes its own power."

Mr. Kuhn has not made a model of the invention, but merely a drawing. Realization of this fact induces a feeling of skepticism, with which perpetual motion and kindred inventions are always greeted, and it was natural for a reporter to ask, "You don't know whether or not it will work, then, do you?" To which Mr. Kuhn replied, rather irritably, "It can't help but work. It's got to work." The principle, he declares, is right.

Mr. Kuhn has no patent as yet on his invention, but he says, "I have it down in black and white."

He has been a resident of Connellsville for over a year and a half now, coming here from the Pittsburg district. Mr. Kuhn is a skilled mechanic who has only recently turned his talents toward invention. The idea for this power wheel came to him suddenly and he completed his drawings in "a week or so," as he phrases it. He is also working on two large shells of new patterns. Several Connellsville men are said to be interested in forming a company for their manufacture.

SHOWER FOR NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bosley, Adelaide Couple, Entertained.

In honor of their recent marriage, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bosley were honored a miscellaneous shower Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Handsome Garlick at Adelaide. A number of their friends attended and presented them with beautiful and useful gifts. Music, dancing and games were the amusements and a very delightful time was had. Dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. Bosley was formerly Miss Kathryn Ridgway. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bosley of Uniontown; Mr. and Mrs. John Bosley of Lemont and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sleighter of Connellsville.

PUPIL DRAWS GUN

Everest Lad Fires Shot Through Ceiling of High School Room.

SCOTTSDALE, Nov. 6.—Rhineland and ordered to leave the room by Miss Jessie Reid, teacher of mathematics in the high school, Thilo Noon of Everett, a freshman, it is declared drew a 32 caliber revolver when the teacher left the room to bring Principal Waughman. He fired the shot through the ceiling and considerable confusion resulted.

The school authorities have taken the matter up. Miss Reid has stated that she will resign unless the boy is punished.

NO ARRESTS SATURDAY.

Record of Years is Broken When Not One Prisoner is Locked Up.

For the first time in years, no arrests were made by the police on Saturday night. Chief of Police Reitler says he cannot remember a time in the past 22 years when no one was apprehended on a Saturday night.

Two arrests were made, Sunday, for disorderly conduct and the other for drunkenness. Both prisoners paid fines. An autoist paid \$2.50 for turning on Brimstone corner.

REJECTED TWICE, SISLEY FINALLY IS ACCEPTED

STEAL WILLOW CHAIRS.

Two Are Taken From Porch of W. D. Cushingham on Washington Ave.

Porch riddlers were again at work last week during the absence of W. D. Cunningham from his East Washington avenue home and took two willow chairs, painted green, from his porch. The chairs were taken some time during the middle of the week.

ILL RUN REVIVAL.

A. B. Taylor, evangelist, and L. H. Rush, musical director, will begin a series of revival meetings at the Mill Run Baptist church Sunday, November 18. The meetings will continue for three weeks.

Enlists in Army.

Arthur Comiskey of Vanderbil, enlisted in the United States Army Saturday.

AMERICANS PUT UP DESPERATE BATTLE WITH LARGER FORCE

All Traditions of United States Army Upheld in First Clash With Germans.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Nov. 6.—A small detachment of American infantrymen was attacked in the front line trenches early Saturday morning by a much superior force of German shock troops. The Americans were cut off from relief by the heavy barrage in their rear. They fought gallantly until overwhelmed, solely by numbers. The fighting in the trenches was hand to hand. It was brief and fierce in the extreme. As a result of the encounter three Americans were killed and four wounded. A sergeant and corporal and 10 men were taken prisoner. Two French soldiers, who were in the trenches, also were killed. The enemy lost some men but the number is unknown, as their dead and wounded were carried off by the retiring Germans.

From the beginning of the engagement until the end the Americans lived up to all the traditions of the American Army, the records showing bravery of the detachment and of individual members.

In connection with the work on the new buildings, Mr. Haines gave as the report of the property committee, that everything was progressing nicely, and that "we expect to be moved in a month."

The board bought some things for the new high school building that had previously been overlooked. Frank Sweeney, for instance, was authorized to go ahead with putting in three sets of border lights, 20 lights in each set, on the edge of the auditorium. These had not been provided for, but scenic borders were found to be not worth much without border lights to illuminate them. Sweeney will get \$87 for the job.

Inside firehouse and safety apparatus was purchased from William Selker. The house will cost 48 cents per foot, the couplings \$2.40, the racks \$5.00, the nozzles \$1.25 each, and other necessary apparatus \$3.95. State law provides that these things shall be placed in the building.

The proposition of the Tri-State Telephone company, to install a private branch exchange in the new high school building, superintendent's office, allowing inter-communication between any of the schools in the city without the necessity of calling the company's central, was accepted. The service will include three trunk lines running to the company's central office, a phone in each of the six grade schools, a phone and two extensions in the high school, and will cost \$225 a year. The Tri-State furnished a figure of \$216 last night, but provided two instruments in the high school. Three are needed, the extra raising the cost \$6.

The Tri-State also had a proposition of \$207.27 a year for a private branch exchange system, provided the board will be in the switchboard, phones and lines, and another of \$291 a year for phones in all buildings, using the company's central, without private exchange.

The Bell had similar propositions up. For private branch exchange with switchboard in the new high school building, two lines to the central office, six schools connected and three instruments in the high school. The Bell wanted \$247 a year. For individual lines, without private branch exchange, the charge would be \$267 a year.

The directors favored the Tri-State's proposal for a private exchange because it was well executed. As a raid, however, there was nothing unusual about it. It was such as is happening all along the line. There is reason for believing that the Germans were greatly surprised when they found Americans in the trenches instead of French.

The French general in command of the division, of which the American detachment formed a part, expressed extreme satisfaction at the action of the Americans, for they fought bravely against a numerically superior enemy, the handful of men fighting until they were all killed.

The bodies of the American dead were brought back to divisional headquarters and buried with honors today. The wounded are at the base hospital.

The whole American Expeditionary Force are thrilled by the fight put up by their comrades and all are anxious to get a chance to deal a blow.

FRETT'S BOYS AND WILSON FOLTZ HOME ON FURLoughS.

Sergeant Charles Fretts, his brother Butler, William Fretts, and Wilson Foltz, member of the 10th Regiment band, are home from Camp Hancock on 10 day furloughs. The Fretts boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fretts of Connellsville, are both with Company D. Foltz's home is in Dunbar. All three are looking fine. The Fretts boys got in Saturday night, but Foltz made a short stay in Washington and did not arrive here until yesterday morning.

Other Company D boys, they say, are planning to get furloughs and come home during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, if the 13th is not called out before then.

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NO HALLOWEEN FROLIC FOR THE BOYS IN SERVICE

CHURCH FOLKS HONOR MR. AND MRS. SHAFFER ON GOLDEN WEDDING

Bridegroom, Gide Gold, Piece From
Deacons and Bride \$30 From
Her Class.

In the presence of a number of their relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Shaffer celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week at their home at Flatwoods. The hours were from 11 A. M. to 4 P. M. Classes Nos. 9 and 10 of the Flatwoods Baptist Sunday school presented Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer with a purse containing \$30 in gold. Mrs. Shaffer has been teacher of class No. 9 for many years. Mr. Shaffer, who has been a deacon of the church for the past 27 years, was presented by his brother deacons with a gold piece. He has been a member of the church for 42 years and Mrs. Shaffer a member for 36 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer were married at the home of the latter's father, John B. Blair, by Rev. W. W. Dick.

It is cold here tonight and groups of boys are gathered in their respective nests seated around the stove. Peeping in the doors one can see dense clouds of smoke rising as they discuss the happenings back home, passing the evening hours away. How our thoughts go back to home as the hours of frolic pass by.

At the open-air stage a vaudeville program is in progress. The talent picked from the soldiers is always fine and much appreciated. The program is arranged by Major Thompson of Pitt football fame. Major Joe always knows what pleases the boys and he caters to their wants. It is by these various entertainments that the army leaders hope to keep the boys in camp during the evening hours.

Last night we experienced another hard rain. The wind blew the rain in swift torrents against our canvas homes. We lay and hoped that our tents would withstand the strain as the storm progressed. The storm passed over after two hours and we awoke to find the morning cold and damp.

The regiment is becoming an efficient organization. Clothing for the men is being issued daily. Wood, coal and coal oil are being issued for the tents in order to prepare them for the cold water that are predicted this winter.

The new men are fast becoming acquainted with the old. Ten members and in due time we will all be a big family again with the same old people and gingers.

The intensive training is again in working order and the boys are working eight hours daily.

Company D played Company A football game last Saturday. It seems to be that some kind of hard luck has struck the Connellsburg team for we lost 6-0. On Company D team were several of the high school boys who, hardened by training, put up their old time game. It seemed like old times to handle the pinky once again. Company D has one of the best teams in the regiment and it was only because of the absence of a few of the stars, who were at Atlanta, that we lost.

Bert Richey says it is too lonesome to sleep alone in the cooks' room, located at the southern end of the mess shack so he picked up his bed and came back to his tent.

Fred Daniels is starting at center in Company D team. It sure is some happy bunch when Dan Markey, Daniels and myself get in our old toggs. Our only wish is that we could get back home to mix things a little.

Text No. 2 (the prophet's retreat) is the "house of knowledge" for the detachment. When the boys want to know anything they always go there. Each member has a special line: "Java," "Miser," "philosophy," "Doc," "Well," the elements: "James," "Arthur," "Bar," "love," George McCormick," "general tactics," John Custer, all questions in regard to Italy in the great war, Ed Buddick, art. It is hard to get around these "prophets."

Scott Lyttinger still is afflicted with "futility" paralysis.

Ralph Bixler received a box Good

eads. Celebration tonight.

Bergen's old songs. "There Is Someone More Lonesome Than Me."

Moser announced he was going to

up for council when he gets home.

George says "Java" will get one vote if women are given suffrage. No wonder he favors equal suffrage.

Eddie Burke is celebrating his birthday by having out home-made cake.

Major McKee continues to look out for his boys. There is none better than he.

We just heard that Connellsburg High school goes to Beaver Falls.

Connellsburg reigns again.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

Boys Wanted to Earn \$10 Each For
the Work of Organization.

One hundred thousand boys are

wanted in the United States to help

win the war by earning and giving

\$10 each to a Y. M. C. A. fund and

thus raise \$1,000,000 to carry on the

work of the war "council" of the

Young Men's Christian Association until July 1, 1918.

The machinery for getting the in-

formation before the boys of the third

district, which comprises Fayette

Indiana and Westmoreland counties

is practically finished. For Fayette

county J. E. Sherrard of Union

City Episcopal church of Connells-

burg is chairman. Colonel E. E. Rob-

bins will present the work in West-

moreland and Mr. Goffire of Indiana.

The three counties were assigned

300 boys or \$3,000. C. D. Flagg of

Scottdale is in charge of the cam-

paign in these three counties. The

various committees will meet as fol-

lows: Fayette, at Uniontown, Wednes-

day noon; Indiana, at Indiana, Tues-

day noon; Westmoreland, at Green-

berg, Monday noon.

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BADLY DECOMPOSED BODY DISCOVERED HANGING ON TREE

Grewsome Find Made on the
Keffe Farm, About Three
Miles From Dawson.

NOOSE MADE OF BEDSHEET

Man Wearing Tailor Made Suit Bear-
ing Label "Joe Wilkins, May 5"
May Have Met With Fatal Play,
Some Believe; Money Found, Too.

Mystery surrounds the discovery of the badly decomposed body of a man hanging from a tree on the farm of Isaac Keffe in Lower Tyrone township, about three miles from Dawson, last Thursday. The remains were brought to the morgue of Undertaker W. H. Parkhill at Dawson yesterday, having remained untouched for several days after their discovery, pending receipt of instructions from the county coroner.

The body, apparently, had been hanging for several weeks as it was badly decomposed. In fact, little more than the skeleton remained. What looked to be a bed sheet had been wrapped about the neck and passed over the limb of a small tree, east and a hat were found 25 or 30 feet from the body. A penknife and a handkerchief containing \$1.50 were also discovered in the vicinity.

On the body was a tailor made suit, the coat of which contained the label "Joe Wilkins, May 5."

The man's shoes were unbuckled. A rusty razor in a case was in one of the pockets but there were no papers or other means of identification.

Clarence Keffe, who first discovered the body, notified Coroner S. H. Baum and the body was not moved until the coroner instructed Under-
taken Parkhill to take charge of it.

There are some who think that the man met with foul play as the skull has three holes in it.

Members of the Keffe family recall that some weeks ago they saw signs of a party in a field near where the body was found. The high grass had been trampled down as if by many feet, and not far away were automobile tracks. No significance was attached to these signs at the time but the finding of a body not 100 feet away leads to the belief that there may be some connection.

The body was viewed by hundreds from Dawson and vicinity at the Parkhill morgue. Some expressed a belief that it might be that of Joe Wilkins of Banning, but as no relatives claimed it, preparations were made for burial in the Cochran cemetery this afternoon.

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Fracture Tires Every Night For Five
Nights.

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LACK OF EXTRA POSTAGE CAUSES HOLDUP OF MAIL

Barrels of Letters Carrying Only Two Cent Stamps Turned Back.

SENDERS REQUIRED TO PAY

In Instances Where Postal Clerks Know Whom Letters Are From They Are Returned, Otherwise Recipient Must Make Up Deficiency.

The new three-cent postage system became effective Friday, with barrels full of mail being held up at the local post office because of lack of sufficient postage to carry it through. In spite of the fact that the postal war tax of one cent has been heralded far and wide and explained again and again, many people mailed letters this morning which bore only two cent stamps. All those bearing the name and address of the sender will be returned to him, while those which cannot be identified will be sent ahead and the additional cent collected at the other end.

The post office here had a big consignment of three-cent stamps on hand for some time, and it had no trouble in supplying the demand which switched this morning from two to three cent stamps. The three cent stamps, with which many Connellsville people became familiar for the first time this morning are purple in color, and bear the same engraving of Washington which appears on the two cent variety.

Letters mailed up to midnight last night will be carried through though they have only two cents postage on them. Letters mailed after midnight must bear a three cent stamp.

One point brought out by Postmaster W. D. McGinnis this morning is that the war tax calls for one cent tax with every two for postage. For instance, a package mailed for six cents yesterday will cost nine cents today and not seven. Some local businessmen Mr. McGinnis said, have been using the three cent system for several days now, presumably in an effort to get used to it. Just now, a few people's failure to regard the three cent system is causing confusion at the local office. Officials and employees are hoping, however, that everyone will soon become familiar with the tax law, and it will not be necessary to hold letters up for deficient postage.

Letters and other first class matter which are to be delivered at the office of mailing cost but two cents an ounce. The same letters mailed for delivery at any other office in the country cost three cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce. Postal cars, post cards, and private mailing cards now require two cents postage whether written or printed.

War prices went into effect at theaters and on street cars yesterday. Since only one theater is charging but the cent tax additional, the others having raised their prices to bring even admission figures there was no especial shortage of pennies here.

WOULD KEEP STATUE

Mayor-Elect Duggan Favors Putting Zachariah Connell in Suitable Place.

Mayor-elect John Duggan is satisfied to have the wooden statue of Zachariah Connell which now adorns the Fourth Ward school buildings, placed in any suitable position that is desired. Mr. Duggan is now engaged in tearing down the old school building, and it still is a question what will be done with the Connell statue. The mayor-elect and contractor intimated that he favored no particular place, saying that "they could put it wherever they wanted it." The statue, he said, is in rather poor condition, having rotted to a certain extent because of its long exposure to the weather. One arm is held on to the figure by a piece of iron. The statue will have to be placed inside somewhere in the library and the new high school building having been proposed as suitable locations. Mr. Duggan declared that some time in the near future "we will have to put up a fine statue of Connell on the other side of the library lawn, opposite the Crawford monument." Until that time, however, the wooden statue should be kept in an honorable position.

Mr. Duggan is not making a great deal of progress on the dismantling of the historic old building, due to the fact that the school district is storing much material in the place, pending the completion of the new school buildings. Had it not been for this fact, Mr. Duggan says, the old Fourth Ward school would have been razed long ago.

FIVE RIBS BROKEN

Timothy Rowan, 71, Years Old, in Critical Condition.

Timothy Rowan, 71 years old, a farmer in Franklin township, is in a critical condition as a result of breaking five ribs when he fell from a wagon being drawn by a runaway team Thursday about 3:30 o'clock. His injuries were dressed by Dr. J. H. Bassett of Vanderlip, but his condition is serious today.

Rowan had been baling hay on the farm of William Sherrard, which adopts his own. His team became frightened and he fell from the wagon. Five ribs on the right side were broken.

Rabbit Hunters Out.

Among the rabbit hunters who were out Thursday, the first day of the season, were Mr. E. C. Sherrard and Freeman and David Pyle, who got 17 bunnies between them; G. S. Wills and C. L. Cotton, who bagged 25 pieces of game; and C. E. Brown and E. E. Kooser.

FOUR LOCAL BOYS IN SERVICE SUMMONED AS JURORS IN DECEMBER

Marieetta, John T. Wurtz, W. E. Bissell and John Brown on the list.

Announcement was made yesterday of the names of the men drawn on the venire for the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh weeks of the December term of court. The fourth week of the term will begin on January 4, and 72 veniremen for traverse jury service will be summoned for each week. The Connellsville and South Connellsville men summoned for service for the four final weeks of the court term are:

Fourth week—Omer R. Blackstone, George S. Connell, H. L. Lenhart, Frank Porter, J. Porter Ritchey, Fred Rusch, Samuel W. Strawn.

Fifth week—Leroy Berkey, J. H. Cypher, Frank Gillett, John W. Hay, Cyrus Kenney, Monroe Marietta, Stricker Stacy, John T. Wurtz.

Sixth week—Charles L. Bissell, W. E. Bissell, J. R. Brown, George Gregg, O. R. Herwick, P. J. Walsh.

Seventh week—C. L. Inks, Harry Morgan, Robert E. Marietta, G. M. Sullivan, L. E. Walling.

Included in this list are the names of four men who are now in army training camps. Monroe Marietta and John T. Wurtz, both summoned for the fifth week, are enlisted men in the 10th regiment. Marietta is with Company D and Wurtz with the Supply company. W. E. Bissell, summoned for the sixth week, is with the 30th Engineers. J. R. Brown, a Petersburg boy, leaves tomorrow for Boston, Mass., to join Engineers there. He is fully equipped for overseas service.

When actual service across the way seems probable, the khaki uniforms are exchanged for woolen olive drab and the long overcoats are replaced with short trench coats.

About 20 French officers arrived here today. I understand they are to teach our men the right use of the bayonet.

A call was issued by our commanding officer last week for expert automobile drivers and the following Connellsville boys responded: D. P. Patterson, Frank Patrick, Arthur Graham and James Russell. They probably will be transferred to the transportation end of the service.

Oliver "Mike" Goldsmith and "Bill" Dowling were asked what they could do and they replied "anything," supplementing the remark that they had no special desire to work in the kitchen.

The couple came here last evening, and stopped at a hotel, not knowing there was a midnight train to Cumberland. Before Hartford awoke this morning, Reid appeared at the police station and charged him with stealing \$66. He said the young man had been at his home when the money disappeared. Miss Taylor told Patrolman Turner that Reid and another girl had arranged to go to Cumberland with them, but when his money disappeared, their plans were upset. She told the officer the charge was made to stop them from getting into Maryland.

Hartford claimed the moper he had with him was borrowed from a sister. Mrs. Charles Whetzel of Allison, Chief Rottler called her on the phone and she corroborated the young man's story. Hartford also declared that \$12 was taken from him at the time Reid missed his \$66. It is the opinion of the police that some one else took the money, getting what belonged to both young men at the same time.

The couple left for Cumberland on the 10th and train No. 6. Mrs. Whetzel told Chief Rottler to permit them to go on.

MAN HANGS HIMSELF

Father of Seven Ends Life in Moment Pleasant Lockup.

Arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct by the police at Mount Pleasant at 9 o'clock Thursday night, John Skowronok, aged 50, hanged himself some time between that hour and 11:15 when Chief John Nogent went into the cell room and found his lifeless body suspended by a leather belt from the top of a cell.

Skowronok, who was tall and well built, had slipped one end of the belt through the buckle and looped it about a bar across the top of the cell. The loose end he tied about his neck. When found his feet were touching the floor, so it is presumed that he leaned over and strangled himself to death.

The body was removed to Rehmann's undertaking parlors and prepared for removal to the family home at Pittsfield. Deceased leaves his wife, four grown and three small children.

SLACKER IN CAMP.

John Zaneck, Called for August 2, Is Sent to Camp Lee.

John Zaneck, who was called for examination before the District No. 5 board on August 2, has been sent to Camp Lee, according to word received by the board this morning from the federal authorities at Pittsburgh. He had been arrested and held in that city for about a month until he was finally sent to the training camp.

Zaneck skipped out to Johnstown when called for examination, and the United States District Attorney was notified.

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